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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Timothy F. Simone

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 2002-0061409 (KR '409). The KR '409 reference discloses the claimed invention except for a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to have a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section, since applicant has not disclosed that having a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 2001-32188 (KR '188). The KR '188 reference discloses the claimed invention except for a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to have a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section, since applicant has not disclosed that having a first supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section and a second supporter having a non-cylindrical cross section, a first insertion limiting part having a diameter greater than that of the first engaging shaft and the first supporting shaft, and the first engaging shaft having a polygonal cross section solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed September 07, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the features claimed by applicant achieve several advantages as compared to the prior art. However, applicant failed to submit affidavits or declarations for the purpose of traversing grounds of rejection and present sufficient facts by way of affidavits/declarations to overcome the rejection.

Therefore, this action is a **final rejection** and is intended to close the prosecution of this application. Applicant's reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to this action is limited either to an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or to an amendment complying with the requirements set forth below.

If applicant should desire to appeal any rejection made by the examiner, a Notice of Appeal must be filed within the period for reply identifying the rejected claim or claims appealed.

If applicant should desire to file an amendment, entry of a proposed amendment after final rejection cannot be made as a matter of right unless it merely cancels claims or complies with a formal requirement made earlier. Amendments touching the merits of the application which otherwise might not be proper may be admitted upon a showing a good and sufficient reasons why they are necessary and why they were not presented earlier.

A reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection must include the appeal from, or cancellation of, each rejected claim. The filing of an amendment after final rejection, whether or not it is entered, does not stop the running of the statutory period for reply to the final rejection unless the examiner holds the claims to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, if a Notice of Appeal has not been filed properly within the period for reply, or any extension of this period obtained under either 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b), the application will become abandoned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Timothy F. Simone whose telephone number is 571-

272-1407. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays between 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 521-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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